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1. (Once Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for implementing an object type-declaration syntax, comprising:

allowing a type declaration in a programming language to be embedded within an object identifier declaration; and

allowing the type declaration to be delimited from the object identifier declaration using a joint attribute.

- (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the allowing a type declaration includes allowing a type declaration in a programming language compiler to be embedded within an object identifier declaration.
- 3. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the type declaration includes a database object type.
- 4. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the type declaration includes a SQL database object type.
- 5. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the type declaration includes a connection database object type.
- 6. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the type declaration includes a cursor database object type.
- 7. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the type declaration includes a universal resource locator object type.
- 8. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the type declaration includes an environment object type.
- 9. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the type declaration includes a hypertext markup language object type.

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- 10. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the type declaration includes an extensible markup language object type.
- 11. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the joint attribute is concatenated to the type declaration.
- 12. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 11, wherein the object identifier declaration is concatenated to the joint attribute.
- 13. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the joint attribute is concatenated to the object identifier declaration.
- 14. (Once Amended) The program storage device of claim 13, wherein the type declaration is concatenated to the joint attribute.
- 15. (Once Amended) The object type-declaration syntax as claimed in claim 1, wherein the object identifier declaration includes dynamically evaluated expressions.
- 16. (Once Amended) A method of declaring an object type in a programming language, comprising:

embedding an object type indicator with an object identifier name, wherein the object identifier name is interpreted by a machine as having the object type indicator.

17. (Unchanged) A method of declaring an object type in a programming language, comprising:

prepending an object type indicator with an object identifier name, wherein the object identifier name is interpreted by a machine as having the object type indicator.

18. (Unchanged) The method of declaring an object type in a programming language as claimed in claim 1/6, wherein the step of embedding includes:

joining the object type indicator with the object identifier name with a joint symbol.